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Re: Correspondence with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs

This report is submitted pursuant to Section 60 of the Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Act (Act), which requires the Capital Development Board (CDB) to "provide the General Assembly with unredacted copies of all correspondence and communications with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs related to securing funding for the renovation, restoration, rehabilitation, or rebuilding of the Quincy Veterans' Home" (330 ILCS 21/60).

CDB has been working closely with the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) to assist IDVA obtain federal reimbursement grant funding from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) for design and construction work at IDVA facilities completed under CDB contracts. This report is for correspondence discussing coordination efforts for CDB project 040-010-120, which rehabilitates and expands the cemetery at the Quincy Veterans' Home. This project is scheduled to receive federal reimbursement from the USDVA. In furtherance of this project, there have been several communications between staff from CDB, IDVA, USDVA, and the design team under contract with CDB discussing various project issues and federal requirements for IDVA to successfully obtain a reimbursement grant from the USDVA. The communications subject to this report involve compliance with USDVA requirements during the time period between project bid and awarding a contract. Email correspondence occurred from June 29, 2021 to August 3, 2021.

Copies of the emails are attached. In addition, CDB staff had telephone conversations with USDVA staff on August 18 and 19, 2021, to further discuss the status of awarding a contract to complete the work for this project.

Should you need any additional information regarding this report, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Romano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Romano
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cc: Jim Underwood, CDB Executive Director